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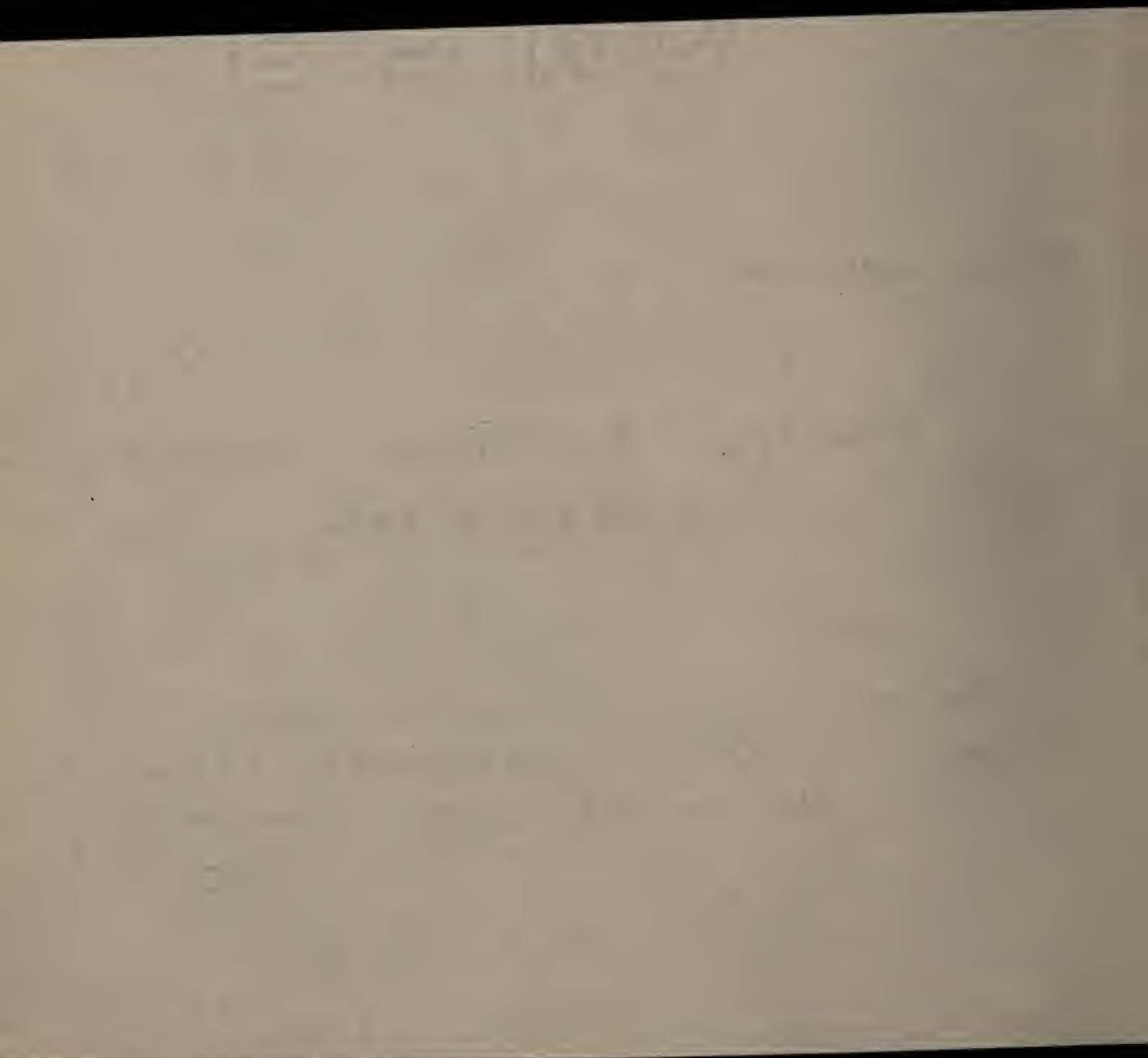


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ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR CHILDREN.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT,
30 TREMONT STREET,

BOSTON, February 1, 1905.

Hon. PATRICK A. COLLINS,

Mayor of the City of Boston:—

SIR,—In accordance with chapter 3, section 22 of the Revised Ordinances, the Trustees for Children present their Annual Report for the financial year ending Jan. 31, 1905, this being the eighth year of the Children's Institutions Department, and the forty-seventh year of the Institutions Department.

Of the Trustees in office one year ago, Miss Bailey resigned and Dr. Elizabeth C. Keller was appointed in her place on May 1st. The members of the Board and the times of expiration of their appointments are as follows:—

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, <i>Chairman</i>	. May 1, 1906.
Mrs. G. F. H. MURRAY, <i>Secretary</i>	. " 1906.
JOHN O'HARE	" 1908.
LEE M. FRIEDMAN	" 1905.
HASKET DERBY	" 1907.
J. C. PELLETIER	" 1909.
Mrs. ELIZABETH C. KELLER	" 1909.

During the past year twenty meetings of the Trustees have been held. The standing committees are:—

Committee on Finance.—The CHAIRMAN, Mr. O'HARE, Mr. FRIEDMAN, Dr. DERBY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PELLETIER, and Dr. KELLER.

Committee on Schools.—Mr. FRIEDMAN, Mr. PELLETIER, and Mrs. MURRAY.

Committee on Placing-Out Division.—Mrs. MURRAY, Dr. DERBY, and Mr. FRIEDMAN.

Committee on Releases.—Mr. O'HARE and Mr. PELLETIER.

Committee on Legislation.—The CHAIRMAN, Mr. FRIEDMAN, and Mr. PELLETIER.

The members of the Board all serve in turn on the visiting committee for the Parental School and the House of Reformation, two members being appointed for two months in succession. They also visit the children placed out in families and institutions at intervals.

The children under the care of the Board are classed as follows:

(a.) Juvenile offenders at the House of Reformation (Rainsford Island), and probationers therefrom.

(b.) Truants at the Parental School (West Roxbury).

(c.) Dependent and neglected children boarded or placed free in families (usually in the country), beside a number in the care of schools for defectives, or other hospitals or institutions, not under the management of the Trustees, where they have been placed for training or hospital treatment at the expense of this Department.

The total number of children now in the care of the Department is 1,445, or 17 more than at the beginning of the year, divided as follows:—

In the House of Reformation	.	.	.	148
On probation from the House of Reformation,				218
In the Parental School	.	.	.	220
On probation from the Parental School	.			6
Dependent children	.	.	.	645
Neglected children	.	.	.	208
Total	.	.	.	<u>1,445</u>

The total number of children admitted to the care of the Department during the year was 420, divided as follows:—

Juvenile offenders	71
Truants	193
Dependents	129
Neglects	27
Total	<u>420</u>

The total number of children discharged from the Department during the year was 403, divided as follows:—

From the House of Reformation	4
“ House of Reformation probationers	63
“ the Parental School	173
“ Parental School probationers	32
“ Dependent and Neglected Children	131
Total	<u>403</u>

Sixty boys were released on probation from the House of Reformation and 35 from the Parental School. These remain in charge of the Department, the boys from the House of Reformation in most instances until their majority is attained, and the boys from the Parental School until the expiration of their term of sentence. Of the 131 dependent and neglected children discharged 16 died, (14 of whom were in other institutions not directly in our charge.)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The total net cost of the Children's Institutions Department for the year was \$182,500.67, which, divided among the whole average number of children (1,425), makes an average per capita expense of \$128.07 for the year, or \$2.45 per week.

An analysis of the cost of the Placing-Out and Office Division, the Parental School and the House of Reformation is given in tables 2B to 2G inclusive.

The net cost of the Placing-Out Division with its estimated share of the Office expenses amounted to \$83,200.06 ;

this includes a credit of \$441.21 on account of the increase in the inventory of clothing on hand February 1, 1905, over the inventory of the year previous.

Of this, \$20,631.42 has been paid for the board of children in the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, the Baldwinsville Hospital Cottages for Children, the Hospital for Epileptics, the Massachusetts Sanatorium, and Long Island. The remainder, \$62,568.64, has been paid for an average of 341 children boarded in families and an average of 348 children in free homes. Taking together all children boarded or placed free in families (689), we find the average per capita cost for the year to be \$90.81 or \$1.74 per week.

The total net cost of caring for the juvenile offenders was \$43,612.25, of which \$42,209.39 was used for the House of Reformation, including the estimated share of office expenses (\$300.00), making an average per capita cost for each boy actually in the Institution (134) \$315.00 for the year, or \$6.03 per week.

The remainder, \$1,402.86, represents the amount expended on the visitation of the boys on probation in their own homes and homes in the country, and the clothing furnished by the Placing-Out Division to some of these boys when going to the country. Taking together all the juvenile offenders, both in the House of Reformation and on probation, (an average of 359,) the average cost per capita for the year was \$121.48, or \$2.32 per week.

The total net cost of the Parental School, including an estimated share of the office expenses, was \$55,247.15, making the average per capita cost for each boy in the Institution (218) for the year, \$253.43, or \$4.85 per week.

From the loan appropriation the following amounts now stand to the credit of the Department: —

Parental School, land and buildings	\$300 16
“ electric plant	164 55
“ furnishings for three new cottages	1,610 07

HOUSE OF REFORMATION.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The increased number of boys on Rainsford Island still further emphasizes the relative inadequacy of the Island to its use for a reform school. One of the serious, yet unavoidable objections to the present arrangement being, that, with the exception of the smaller boys who are placed by themselves at the Point Cottage, all the boys must live practically in one family instead of being divided into small groups. Both farm and playground are far too limited. The Trustees hope that the time is not far distant when the Act to provide a new site for a reform school (Chap. 351 of the Acts of 1901) may be carried out. Still, good work is done on the Island. The boys are interested in their School and Sloyd work. They are orderly and cheerful. This Report, which is set up and printed on the Island, not to speak of numerous smaller jobs, speaks for the value of the Printing Office. The same may be said of the Shoe-shop, which produces excellent foot gear of various kinds. The large amount of products of the farm (Table No. 15) is also interesting considering how small the farm is. Much out-door work of various kinds is carried on throughout the year.

That only three boys were committed for short periods in lieu of payment of fines is a matter of congratulation. A stay of a week at the school can do a boy no good and may do much harm, and practically the boy is punished for the poverty or neglect of his parents.

BOYS ON PROBATION.

The crucial test of a reform school is the position taken by the boys in the community after release. The latter part of the report of the General Agent of the Placing-Out Division deals with the probationers from the House of

Reformation, (see pages 26, 27,) and should be read in connection with this report. Though great changes cannot be expected from year to year it is at least gratifying to find (Tables Nos. 11 and 12) that fewer boys had to be returned from probation and that the percentage of behavior of the probationer is a little higher. Of the boys in charge of our Agent that are not in other institutions more than one-half are doing well, more than a quarter are doing fairly well, and less than one-sixth are not doing well and are liable to be returned to the Institution if they do not improve.

CHANGE OF NAME.

The Trustees desire to change the name of this Institution to "The Suffolk School for Boys," in order to take from the graduates of the School the stigma which is undoubtedly associated with the old name.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOUSE OF REFORMATION.

BOSTON, February 1, 1905.

To the Trustees for Children:—

I have the honor to submit the annual report of this Institution for the year ending January 31, 1905.

On February 1, 1904, there were 131 boys in the House of Reformation, committed for minority. During the year, 81 boys have been committed; three of whom were sentenced for non-payment of fines. Two of these boys were discharged at the expiration of their sentences, one by payment of fine, and one other boy was discharged by the Trustees; and during the year 60 boys have been released on probation, making the present number in the Institution 148, all committed for minority. The smallest attendance was 122, from April 25th to April 28th; the largest, 148, on January 31st. The average attendance was 134.46.

By referring to Table No. 4A in the Appendix, it will be seen that, while we close the year with the largest attendance for more than seven years past, the commitments during the year have been smaller than for seven years. The small number discharged and released accounts for this, but the smallness of the number released on probation requires further explanation than is contained merely in the figures. Some eight boys are now eligible for release on probation who are waiting for the necessary arrangements to be made before leaving the Institution. Had these boys been released before the closing of the year it would have brought our closing attendance down to the normal average.

The discipline in general has been excellent and the spirit of the boys generally helpful. The fact that fewer boys have been returned from probation by the Trustees during the year than for several years past, encourages us to believe that our teaching is at least not losing in effectiveness.

The usual repairs about the buildings have been made, including the painting of much interior work, and every-

thing kept as clean and orderly as possible. The boys are taught to take an especial interest in this work, and the lessons thus instilled bear fruit in their gain of knowledge of methods, and in their personal appearance.

At the Point Cottage the ledge on the playground is being cut down, the grounds graded, swings, tilts, etc., erected, adding greatly to its appearance and possibilities for pleasure. Several new gardens and grass plots have been laid out, and a roadway around the island nearly completed.

During the recent severe storm of January 25th, the bulk-heads and sea-wall were damaged to a considerable extent. Most of these repairs cannot be made by us, but should be attended to as soon as possible.

Until his resignation on May 18th, Principal James D. Russell was in charge of the work of the schools. On June 1st Mr. Edward L. Curran was appointed to the vacancy and has since conducted the work in a capable and efficient manner. There has been no change among the assistant teachers, of whom there are four.

The sessions of school and the work of the classes are arranged to correspond as nearly as possible with those of the Boston Public Schools, in order that a boy may resume work in school upon his release without suffering a serious setback from change of methods and studies. Individual work is encouraged with a view to developing the character and individuality of each boy. Evenings have been devoted to special instruction when necessary, letter-writing to parents, reading, games, entertainments, etc. During a period of seven weeks in the summer a vacation school of one session a day was conducted.

Two sessions daily of Sloyd have been held throughout the year. The work ranges from mechanical drawing and card board Sloyd through various stages to color and pyrographic decoration of advanced models, and wood carving. Each class receives instruction during two periods each week. Auxiliary to this, a class in Indian basketry has been conducted for the smaller boys at Point Cottage by their teacher. One day and one evening period have been devoted to this work, and the boys have found it both interesting and profitable.

The Industrials have been conducted in the usual manner, some score of boys receiving instruction in each of the four departments. The work of the Shoemaking and Printing departments has been especially helpful, and many boys have found employment at their respective trades upon their release. In the Sewing room there have been made

some 1,300 new garments and pieces; 7,300 garments and pieces and 3,800 pairs of stockings were repaired.

The Agricultural department has provided all of the green stuff used in the season, and poultry, pork, beef, and eggs as enumerated in Table No. 15.

The health of the boys has been generally good, but five cases requiring hospital treatment. The reports of the resident physician, Dr. Charles A. Rabethge, and of Dr. E. P. Wentworth, dentist, containing information in detail, are appended.

The usual classes in gymnastics and athletics have been conducted regularly by the Physical Director, and the holiday programs have generally contained athletics in some form.

In the Summer swimming baths in the ocean were given daily in suitable weather.

Religious services have been conducted in the Chapel Sundays by Rev. William B. Toulmin for the Protestant boys, and by Rev. Matthew McDonald, S.J., for the Catholic boys. Sabbath School for the Catholic boys has been held regularly in the class rooms by teachers who have kindly volunteered for this work. Father McDonald has visited us regularly, also, to hear confessions and give spiritual advice to the boys. Mr. Meyer Bloomfield, of the Civic Service House, has had charge of the services for the Hebrew boys.

In conclusion, I desire to express my appreciation of the hearty cooperation of the employees of the Institution in this work, and of the encouragement and support of the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

SUMNER D. SEAVEY,
Superintendent.

MEDICAL REPORT.

Boston, February 1, 1905.

SUMNER D. SEAVEY, *Superintendent*:—

All boys entering the Institution have been examined on admission to determine the absence of contagious diseases, and a record has also been kept of the chief physical characteristics of each boy.

Five cases were sent to the Long Island Hospital for treatment. All other cases were treated here.

Abscess	16	Herpes	5
Acne	5	Hemorrhoids	4
Anæmia	7	Hordeolum	8
Balanitis	4	Indigestion	10
Bilious	10	Iritis	1
Boils	30	Jaundice	1
Bronchitis	12	Lumbago	4
Bruise	20	Malaria	2
Burns	16	Neuralgia	1
Catarrh	6	Orchitis	1
Cellulitis	3	Otitis Media, chronic	7
Cholera Morbus	4	Palmer Abscess	2
Conjunctivitis	18	Punctured wound	3
Contusion	5	Pharyngitis	4
Cold	20	Psoriasis	1
Colic	19	Rheumatism	10
Constipation	10	Ring Worm	2
Cut	35	Scalp wounds	10
Diarrhœa	32	Sciatica	1
Dislocation	2	Scalds	5
Ear-ache	4	Sprains	33
Enuresis	5	Teeth extracted	11
Eczema	24	Tonsilitis	35
Febricula	12	Trachoma	8
Fractures	4	Tuberculosis	2
Grippe	6	Ulcers	16

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. RABETHGE, M.D.

DENTAL REPORT.

Boston, January 31, 1905.

SUMNER D. SEAVEY, *Superintendent,*

House of Reformation, Rainsford Island:—

DEAR SIR,—I inclose a report of operations performed and service rendered the boys under your care for the past year.

I wish to thank you for extended courtesies ; also the Deputy Superintendent and officers for their assistance.

	No. Treated.		No. Treated.
Abscess Alveolar . .	15	Extractions, P e r m a n e n t	
Gingivitis . . .	8	teeth	41
Pyorrhœa Alveolaris . .	3	Extractions, Roots . .	18
Salivary Calculus . .	11	Amalgam fillings . .	119
Pulps Capped . . .	2	Cement fillings . . .	18
Pulps removed by use of		Gutta percha fillings . .	4
Cocaine	2	Cleansed teeth of all in	
Roots treated	6	March and October.	
Extract's, deciduous teeth,	57		

Respectfully yours,

EVAN P. WENTWORTH. D.M.D.

PARENTAL SCHOOL—(THE TRUANT SCHOOL
OF THE CITY OF BOSTON).

TRUSTEES' REPORT

This has been a quiet and satisfactory year. The work in the schools has been carried on regularly and the boys have taken interest in their work. The teaching of Sloyd has been increased.

The health of the boys has been good. No epidemics have occurred and epidemics are now less likely to become serious because the three new cottages make the groups of boys smaller. There has been much less malaria than in the past. Only seven cases have occurred as against seventeen of last year. This is probably due in large measure to covering with a layer of coal oil the wet patches in the large marshes which teem with mosquitoes of the kind which spread malaria.

The Trustees are greatly indebted to the volunteer staff of physicians and surgeons who have rendered the valuable services detailed in the medical report.

By the new law, Courts may give truants indeterminate sentences lasting until the age of 16 is reached. It also allows for releases on probation. This enables the Trustees to hold boys who especially need the care of the School for a longer term than that to which they were sentenced under the old law, and it also enables them to place boys who do well on probation at their homes or elsewhere. Such probation may be terminated at any time that it is apparent that the exigencies of a case demand further training in the School without bringing the boy before the Courts again.

In order to get the greatest benefit from this new law, the following probation system has been established. It is hoped that in every case the Courts will see the propriety

of releasing boys on probation when they shall have conformed to the requirements.

PROBATION SYSTEM AT THE PARENTAL SCHOOL.

1. Each boy shall be given 2,500 Merits to earn on entering the School. Each week a boy shall be entitled to 100 Merits, or such part thereof as in the judgment of the Superintendent the boy's conduct, effort and industry shall entitle him.

2. In estimating the number of Merits to which the boy shall be entitled his conduct, effort and industry both in school and outside of school shall be considered.

3. A boy returned from probation shall be given 3,750 Merits to earn in place of 2,500.

4. Any boy running away, or attempting to do so, shall forfeit all the Merits he shall then have earned, and the Superintendent may impose upon such boy additional Merits to be earned, not exceeding 1,250, together with such other punishment as, in his judgment, shall seem necessary.

The most pressing improvement now needed is a school-house with a hall and gymnasium. More than once the visiting committee of the City Council has recommended the erection of such a building. At present it is impossible to bring all the boys together in one room. The schools are now held in small unsuitable buildings, hardly more than sheds, while the Sloyd teaching is given under most unfavorable conditions.

Platform scales for weighing coal are also much needed.

The Trustees endorse the statements of the Superintendent in his report as to other needs, but do not desire to press them at this time.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PARENTAL SCHOOL.

To the Trustees for Children:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report for the year ending January 31, 1905.

The following statistics present a partial summary of tables found elsewhere in this volume.

Number of boys in the School February 1, 1904 . . .	235
“ committed during the year . . .	193
“ returned from probation . . .	0
“ discharged during the year . . .	173
“ released on probation . . .	35
“ in the School January 31, 1905 . . .	220
Average membership	218

Average age of boys committed, 11 years, 8 months.

Average time spent in the School by boys discharged and released during the year, 1 year, 29 days.

HEALTH.

The general health of the boys has been excellent. There have been no epidemics and very few cases of serious sickness, none of which was fatal.

For a detailed statement of our hospital record I would refer you to Dr. Russell's report which accompanies this. Your attention is also called to the report of Dr. E. P. Wentworth who has cared for the boys' teeth and to the report of Dr. George S. Derby, who has examined their eyes and prescribed treatment.

Sixteen boys have been supplied with spectacles, and most of these in consequence have shown increased interest in their school work.

SCHOOL WORK.

The work of the schools has been substantially the same as for several years past. However, the smaller average attendance has given greater opportunity for individual work with pupils and many of them come to enjoy their school work in consequence of their compulsory attendance, and furthermore because they receive much more individual attention from

the teachers than could be given them in the large classes of the city schools.

The vacation school of five weeks was in charge of three teachers, the subjects taught being English, sloyd, raphia-work and basketry. Only those boys who were particularly backward in these subjects attended the vacation school.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

The Catholic boys have attended St. Theresa's Church, the Protestant boys, the South Evangelical Church, and the Jewish boys have been given weekly lessons by Mr. Isaac Abelson and Mr. Max M. Fritz. For their constant helpfulness and untiring zeal and devotion to this work we hereby thank those who have had the religious instruction of the boys in their charge.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Catholic and Protestant boys have attended several concerts at their respective churches, and Mr. Abelson gave the Jewish boys an excellent musical entertainment. Mr. Robert H. Magwood gave free admission to forty of our boys to see "Mother Goose." Mr. Wetmore has given his boys several musical entertainments, and Mrs. Annie L. Lynch gave a free car-ride to forty-nine of the boys. In addition to these, all the boys had Christmas trees in their respective Cottages, and Mr. Bennett Springer entertained them with magic on Christmas afternoon.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following: 36 books and many magazines and papers from Dr. Hasket Derby; a number of photographs of distinguished men and women from Mrs. G. F. H. Murray; and numerous magazines and papers from Dr. Elizabeth C. Keller, Mrs. A. C. Jordan, Mr. Arthur Lawrence Derby, and Miss Angelina Nutter.

OUR NEEDS.

Several of our needs have been pointed out year after year. Nevertheless, it may be well to state them again and in addition to mention others which are worthy of consideration:—

A new school building.

A new barn.

A coal pocket.

Completing electric lighting in laundry building, superintendent's house, and about the grounds.

Heating the hospital and superintendent's house from the central heating plant.

Completing Telephone system to old buildings.

New electric clock and program bell system complete to all buildings.

Changing the present overhead wires to watchman's clock onto the underground cables.

If we assume the average age at commitment to be 12 years and the average term to be one year (both averages being approximately correct for past years), it is evident that heretofore the boys have ceased to be in charge of this Department at the average age of 13 years. But in the future most of them, released on probation, will very likely remain under our charge until they are 16 years of age; in other words the boys given an indefinite term will remain in charge of this Department four times as long as those committed before the present law went into effect. Our responsibilities then are largely increased. To be sure the truant officers will share these responsibilities so far as the execution of the law relating to truants and absentees is concerned. But many boys old enough to go to work and desiring to do so will require constant supervision, wise counsel, and frequent encouragement if they are to become settled in purpose to lead honest and industrious lives. The years from 12 to 16 are probably the most critical and difficult to deal with in all childhood, and for those who are 14 years of age or over, and who are not therefore under the more immediate care of the truant officers, sympathetic and wise supervision should be provided.

We are confronted then with two alternatives: first, to provide suitable supervision and the right kind of sympathy and encouragement for them after parole and until they are 16 years of age; or, second, to give them proper care and maintenance within this institution unless they be committed to some other institution in the absence of or in spite of supervision of the right sort. And this is a matter which should not be decided in any large measure on the basis of present expense or on what seems to be present economy; but rather on the basis of what is needed by many boys in order that they may supplant with good habits the bad habits, which are largely the result of environment.

This supervisory work should be put in charge of some person who understands boy nature, one who has broad sympathies, who can win and retain their confidence and respect, and who can supply that parental counsel and encourage-

ment which most boys need and to which most of them quickly respond.

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. DAME,
Superintendent.

FEBRUARY 28, 1905.

MEDICAL REPORT.

Mr. D. P. DAME, *Superintendent*: —

According to the records, during the past eight years 2,571 cases have been treated at the Parental School Hospital. Of these, 453 were treated the past year, 178 being classified as Hospital Patients, the remainder as Out-Patients.

Dr. A. W. Hancock, after an eight months' service as House Officer, resigned January 1st to accept an appointment elsewhere.

Contrasting this year's report with that of last year it is evident that the general health of the boys has been excellent. Last year there were three cases of diphtheria, two of mumps and three of pneumonia. This year we have had none of these diseases, and moreover there have been but seven cases of malaria against 17 of last year.

Each new boy has been inspected upon the day of admission for the presence or absence of a contagious disease, and subsequently a careful physical examination has been made and recorded.

A case of osteomyelitis and one of cervical adenitis were sent to the City Hospital for operation.

Dr. H. B. Stevens did several throat operations and a paracentesis. Dr. George S. Derby operated on one case of squint, and Dr. A. W. Worthington did several minor operations. Also one boy was operated upon for periostitis by Dr. J. S. Stone at the Children's Hospital.

I desire to express my appreciation for the uniform kindness and consideration which you and members of the visiting staff have shown me. The School is greatly indebted

to the visiting physicians for the devotion and interest they have shown in the boys.

The following cases were treated:—

Infectious diseases.		Diseases of the eye.	
Malaria	7	Acute Blepharitis	1
Measles	4	Chronic Blepharitis	1
Typhoid fever	1	Catarhal conjunctivitis,	2
Acute articular rheumatism	4	Phlyctenular "	2
Diseases respiratory system.		Ulcer of sclera	1
Acute coryza	7	Hordeolum	4
Atrophic rhinitis	1	Internal strabismus	1
Acute follicular tonsillitis	13	Diseases of the ear.	
Peritonsillar abscess	2	Acute otitis media	15
Acute pharyngitis	22	Chronic otitis media	11
Chronic laryngitis	1	Otitis externa circumscripta	2
Acute bronchitis	14	Cerumen	8
Hemoptysis	2	Foreign body	1
Fibrinous pleurisy	2	Wounds.	
Diseases digestive system.		Contused	40
Apthous Stomatitis	1	Incised	31
Follicular Stomatitis	1	Lacerated	24
Alveolar Abscess	3	Punctured	16
Acute gastric indigestion	43	Septic	16
Acute intestinal indigestion	2	Fractures.	
Gastro-enteritis	1	Metacarpal	5
Constipation	2	Phalanx	1
Fissure in ano	1	Abrasions	19
Diseases of skin.		Carbuncle	1
Dermatitis venenata	13	Furuncle	3
Dermatitis calorica	12	Paronychia	3
Dermatitis intertrigo	2	Splinters removed	33
Erythema intertrigo	2	Toothache	4
Herpes zoster	1	Teeth extracted	4
Impetigo contagiosa	8	Torticollis	1
Ichthyosis simplex	1	Headache	5
Scabies	3	Sprains	4
Psoriasis	1	Erysipelas	1
		Epilepsy	1
		Miscellaneous affections	17
		Total	453

In the examination of 193 boys committed and returned from probation during the year the following conditions were found:—

Nose and throat.		Chest.	
Deviated septum	7	Flat	2
Hypertrophied turbinates	10	Pigeon	6
Spur	3	Spine.	
Chronic rhinitis.	1	Round-shouldered	12
Hypertrophied tonsils	26	Scoliosis	6
Adenoids	6	Potts' disease	1
Chronic pharyngitis	4	Genitalia.	
Chronic laryngitis	1	Phimosis	4
Eye.		Undescended testicle	1
Artificial eye	1	Circumcised	17
Internal strabismus	3	Skin.	
Chronic conjunctivitis	4	Eczema	1
Ear.		Scabies	1
Chronic otitis media	11	Ichthyosis simplex	1
Old mastoid operation	2	Extremities.	
Impacted cerumen	8	Knock knee	3
		Flat feet	2

Visiting Physicians. — Dr. A. M. Worthington, Dr. H. B. Stevens, Dr. W. W. Howell, Dr. E. N. Libby.

Ophthalmologist. — Dr. George Derby.

Dermatologist. — Dr. C. Morton Smith.

Aurist. — Dr. H. B. Stevens.

Consulting Surgeon. — Dr. J. S. Stone.

Matron. — Mrs. Janet Machon.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES B. RUSSELL, M.D.,
House Officer.

PARENTAL SCHOOL, W. ROXBURY, Feb. 1, 1905.

DENTAL REPORT.

BOSTON, January 31, 1905.

Mr. D. P. DAME, *Superintendent Parental School* : —

DEAR SIR, — Enclosed is a report of dental operations performed during the past year.

I wish to thank you for the many favors I have received ;

also the masters and matrons for their assistance at various times.

Cement fillings	2	Permanent teeth ext'cted,	91
Gutta-percha fillings	7	Temporary teeth ext'cted,	206
Amalgam fillings	67	Pyorrhœa Alveolaris	1
Pulps capped	2	Salivary Calculus	3
Pulps exposed	9	Cleansed teeth of all the	
Alveolar Abscess	9	boys.	
Putrescent perman'nt teeth,	82		

Respectfully,

EVAN P. WENTWORTH, D.M.D

OPHTHALMOLOGIST'S REPORT.

FEBRUARY 13, 1905.

Mr. D. P. DAME, *Superintendent Parental School* :—

DEAR SIR, — During the past year I have found the following abnormalities of the eye at the Parental School : —

	No. of Cases.
Hypermetropia	4
Hypermetropic astigmatism	14
Myopic astigmatism	2
Mixed astigmatism	1
Convergent squint	3
Subacute conjunctivitis	2
Blepharitis	1
Corneal scars	3
Chorio-retinitis	1
Total	31

Spectacles have been furnished to the above cases of ametropia and the cases of disease have been treated. One case of squint was operated upon.

A new form of spectacle frame, of much stouter construction than that heretofore in use, has been introduced and thus far has given good results.

GEORGE S. DERBY.

PLACING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The countless details of the work of this Department can hardly be realized without a close study of the system. The application for admission of each child is carefully considered to find out how best to dispose of it, whether by accepting the child or by suggesting some other way of dealing with the child. For each child accepted a fitting home must be selected, or if it is defective in body or mind application is made to the appropriate hospital or to the School for the Feeble-Minded. Each child is examined at once by a physician to determine its condition. (See the Medical Report by Dr. A. C. Jelly in the Report of this Department for 1903-4.) Then each child must be watched to see that its mental, moral and physical health is cared for. All the clothing except in special cases is sent out from the office at 30 Tremont St., where large supplies are kept, the effort being made to keep the children dressed like their associates in the town where they live, so that nothing in their appearance may suggest their being "City wards." Finally, it must be determined whether and when it is proper to give up the care of each child before the age of majority either by returning it to its family, by allowing it to be adopted, or making other arrangements for the child's future welfare.

The Trustees are constantly in touch with all this work and feel great satisfaction in seeing how much intelligence and earnestness are bestowed upon it by the employees of the Department and what good results are attained.

The health of the children, as a whole, has been good. Only seventeen died last year and sixteen this year. Of these latter, six were under one year of age and these were all very ill at the time of admission. One lived only four

days, and one only one day after admission (Table No. 47). The conditions which necessitated the City's taking these children were such as would naturally lead to their being in unfavorable conditions of health. (See Table No. 32.) The great majority of the children are now, however, well and happy.

It is worthy of note that while there are this year twenty more neglected and dependent children than last year the increase has come from those in free homes (21 increase), while the number boarded has actually diminished by one. This shows an advance of the absorption into the community of these homeless children (Table No. 34).

It is also an improvement to find the children in free homes more scattered than last year. While there are twenty-one more of these children and they are placed in two more towns, yet there are nine less towns in which more than five children are placed.

Brothers and sisters are placed in the same family as far as possible.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT FOR THE PLACING-OUT AND OFFICE DIVISION.

To the Trustees for Children of the City of Boston: —

I respectfully submit my annual report for the year ending January 31, 1905.

At the close of the year there were 692 dependent and neglected children outside institutions in homes found for them: 347 on indenture and 345 at board. Add to these 163 juvenile offenders from the House of Reformation in their own homes, and 45 on indenture in the country, we find a total under the supervision of this Department and subject to visitation of 900.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

Applicants for children, either free or boarding, are required to fill out a blank containing 25 questions relating to their family life, as, distance from school and church, occupation, size of farm, hired help or boarders, number of persons in family, ages, etc. A list of questions is also sent to clergymen and neighbors, stating that their replies will be considered confidential, and a personal visit by an agent completes the investigation.

We have no difficulty in placing our wards in respectable families, where they receive the benefits of home life and are better prepared to go out into the world and make their way through industry than those who are reared under the best institutional conditions.

A record of each child is kept, giving the name, age, history of family, religion, school attendance, physical and mental condition, results of investigations, where placed, visits, etc.

As will be seen by the tables which accompany this report, the number of dependent and neglected children received during the year was 24 in excess of the number discharged.

The demand for boys and girls over school age for free homes exceeds the ability of the Department to supply them; and, therefore, we could not entertain the request of all worthy applicants.

Of those placed in free homes for the first time this year 20 were between the age of 3 and 10 years.

Clergy, both Catholic and Protestant, continue their interest in assisting our agents in procuring homes for our children in their respective faiths.

Within the last year five of our wards, girls, have obtained consent to be married before they arrived at the age of 21 years. In every case they seem to have bettered themselves.

VISITATION OF CHILDREN.

This is a delicate and responsible business. It does not consist merely in calling and inquiring how the child is getting along, but the visitors have to see that the requirements of the Board are duly observed and to ascertain the real condition of things without exciting suspicion and giving offense. The feelings of family and children must be regarded, and visits must be made as quietly as possible. 3,280 visits have been made to dependent and neglected children in country homes during the year; 2,800 by regular visitors of the Department, and 480 by local visitors. Some children need more visits than others in order to keep them in their places, and many require several transfers yearly before they can be suitably located.

In connection with visits to children homes are sought for others. Five agents are travelling almost constantly investigating families who have applied for children, visiting children who have been placed out, and transferring children when necessity demands.

SCHOOLING.

The law in reference to school has with few exceptions been complied with. 27 boys and 38 girls over 14 years have been sent regularly. Seven boys and 14 girls are attending high schools or academies, and one boy will enter one of the leading colleges next year. The following questions are sent to the teacher at the close of each school term:—

....., age....., is a member of the family of
....., and has attended school for the term com-
mencing.....and ending..... Has been
absent.....days; tardy.....times; dismissed.....times.
Behavior.....; scholarship.....; grade.....; class,
.....; promoted at the end of this term?.....

These reports are usually satisfactory and show that the children are attending regularly, and that they are doing as well as the average child in deportment and studies.

RELIGION.

It is the policy of the Department to place children in families of the same religion as that of their parents. Their spiritual wants are looked after by the clergy of the various denominations. The progress made in religious instructions is reported once each year on blanks furnished by the Department, as follows:—

Progress made in religious instruction by....., a
Ward of the Trustees for Children of the City of Boston, who
is now in the family of....., of.....; Bible
Class,.....; Prayer.....; Catechism.....;
Sunday School.....; Confession.....; When con-
firmed.....; Communion.....; (Signed).....,
Pastor.

In case of neglect of religious duties on the part of the family please notify
the TRUSTEES FOR CHILDREN, 30 TREMONT ST., BOSTON.

During the present year there were 353 applications for the admission of dependent children to this Department, of whom 129 were admitted. There were 70 children with whom work was done by enabling the father and mother to keep the home together or by placing children with relatives. There were 156 miscellaneous investigations which consisted largely in keeping track of parents of the children.

There were in addition 26 cases of neglected children committed by the courts; 56 cases for the release of boys from the Parental School; 44 cases for the release of children from the Placing-Out Division to their homes. Total, 705.

We are endeavoring each year to follow more closely the condition of the homes from which we take the children. We are then better prepared to report wisely on present conditions when application for the release of these children to their homes is made. When the father and mother both feel that some one is working side by side with them out of a common experience the results brought about by friendly visiting are oftentimes remarkable. For while we have the children, and are visiting the homes, both family and visitor are working toward one common end, namely, the restoration of the children to their homes.

HEALTH.

The health of our wards in families has been unusually good. There has been no disease of an epidemic character.

There have been 16 deaths: three in families and 13 in hospitals or institutions.

Fifty-seven boys and 44 girls requiring special medical care were brought from their suburban homes for treatment at the Children's and other hospitals; 155 were treated by physicians, oculists and dentists in towns where they reside. Five children have been supplied with surgical appliances.

INFANTS.

Boarding homes for babies in private families in the country are selected with care and not more than two infants are placed in one family. They are within easy reach of the Department and are visited frequently by our trained nurse, and the slightest trace or show of neglect has been sufficient cause for transfer to some other place. In only one instance have we been obliged to make a change, and in this case the cause was ignorance of the proper methods of caring for babies and not willful negligence.

DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

Many children come to us with such feeble mental and physical constitutions as to make it difficult for them to become fully self-supporting without receiving constant public or private care.

The buildings occupied by the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded are crowded to their utmost capacity. This condition has made it most difficult to receive all for whom application has been made. During the year 18 children of this description were transferred from our boarding homes to the School for the Feeble-Minded at Waverley; five to the Hospital Cottages for Epileptics at Baldwinsville, and one to the Boston Insane Asylum. There remain 13 boys and ten girls awaiting admission to the School for the Feeble-Minded.

HOUSE OF REFORMATION.

The Industries of this School are Shoemaking and Printing. Here they make their own shoes, also shoes for the Parental School boys and for the Placing-Out Department. The Printing Department does the printing for the two institutions, also all blanks and forms used in the Office and Placing-Out Division, including the Annual Report.

The importance of sending these boys out equipped with a trade by which they can earn a living needs no argument. Experience has shown us that a larger percent of those who leave the Institution with a knowledge of a trade do much

better in after life than those who are obliged to enter the overcrowded ranks of unskilled labor.

The older boys of this class in country homes eventually drift back to city life. However desirable agricultural pursuits may be it is difficult to make such boys acquire a love for them. Those of the dependent class who come to us at an early age and are placed directly in families usually do well.

One agent's whole time is occupied in the supervision of boys released from this School. During the year he has investigated and reported on 192 homes of inmates who are eligible for release; made 1,093 visits to boys on probation, either at home or on indenture in the country, an average of 5+ visits to each boy, and has assisted 67 to employment.

The personal histories of some of the former inmates of this school who have been successful in business and at the various trades and occupations are as follows:

One young man in his 21st year has leased a small farm in the town where he was placed on indenture, and is doing well, having brought his mother and sister from Boston to live with him.

Another boy about the same age owns a half-interest in a prosperous confectionery and cigar store which he conducts himself.

One young man who was employed in the shoe shop at the House of Reformation and worked in a factory in Boston for two years after his release was employed as foreman in an out-of-town shop before he reached the age of 21 years, and he has filled the position satisfactorily for more than a year.

Another, who was twice at the House of Reformation, and is now less than 19 years of age, is manager of a grocery and provision store owned by his father. He has four men under his control and conducts the business in a satisfactory manner.

Many more instances of successful careers after release could be given. Although boys entering the Navy are by that act discharged from the care of this Department, we frequently receive most satisfactory reports from them, and in several instances they have soon been called upon to occupy positions of trust and importance.

Supervision over the boys on probation is not only maintained by visits, but also by correspondence and requiring the boys to report in person to the agent at stated intervals. This is particularly desirable where the probationers are employed in shops and factories and associated with other

employees who are not aware that the boys have ever been inmates of the House of Reformation.

Such boys as attend school on their release are required to report regularly once a month on Saturdays at this office, and are expected at least once in each school term to bring a letter from their teachers stating their attendance has been regular and their conduct good while in school.

CONCLUSION.

Our local visitors continue to render valuable assistance. Seven were in office at the close of the year, as follows:—

JOHN DRUM, Harwich.

EMMA J. LINNELL, Orleans.

MINNIE A. KIELEY, Northampton.

PETER O'CONNOR, Rutland.

WALTER L. PORTER, Ashfield.

JOSEPHINE HALEY, Barrington, N.H.

TIMOTHY W. FLANAGAN, Moretown, Vt.

The practice of sending a card at Christmas to each of our wards in families, and to those at the School for Feeble-Minded and at the Hospital Cottages continues, and they have been thankfully acknowledged.

There has been no change in the office and Placing-Out force, which consists of twelve persons. They have been diligent and faithful in the discharge of their duties.

In conclusion permit me to thank your Board for the kind and courteous treatment which I have received at your hands.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. MCCARTHY,

General Agent.

This Report of the Trustees for Children, including reports of officers of the Department, is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, *Chairman*.

JOHN O'HARE.

LEE M. FRIEDMAN.

HASKET DERBY.

J. C. PELLETIER.

ELIZABETH C. KELLER.

ANNIE G. MURRAY, *Secretary*,

APPENDIX.

GENERAL AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

TABLE NO. 1.

*Comparisons of Admissions, including Court Commitments, for the
past Nine Years.*

	DEPENDENT.	NEGLECTED.	TRUANTS.	JUVENILE OFFENDERS.	TOTAL.
1895.....	232	24	140	93	489
1896.....	275	29	167	75	546
1897.....	259	28	167	93	547
1898.....	187	37	189	126	539
1899.....	108	30	189	113	440
1900.....	171	23	171	107	472
1901.....	112	25	204	89	430
1902.....	131	24	242	104	501
1903.....	113	10	213	89	425
1904.....	129	26	193	81	429

TABLE NO. 1 A.

Total in Charge by Classes and Present Placing at the end of Years 1901, 1902, 1903, and 1904.

	1901.	Percent.	TOTAL.	Percent.	1902.	Percent.	TOTAL.	Percent.	1903.	Percent.	TOTAL.	Percent.	1904.	Percent.	TOTAL.	Percent.
DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.																
Boarding	391	45.97	. .	. .	391	45.74	. .	. .	346	41.79	. .	. .	345	40.45	. .	. .
In Free Homes, directly in our care	320	37.21	. .	. .	308	36.02	. .	. .	326	39.37	. .	. .	355	41.62	. .	. .
In other institutions	149	17.32	. .	. .	156	18.24	. .	. .	156	18.84	. .	. .	153	17.93	. .	. .
Released to homes on probation			860	61.17			855	58.68			828	57.98			853	59.03
TRUANTS.																
In Parental School	213	97.7	. .	. .	242	93.80	. .	. .	235	98.72	. .	. .	220	97.34	. .	. .
Released to homes on probation	5	2.3	218	15.50	16	6.20	258	17.71	3	1.28	238	16.67	6	2.66	226	15.64
JUVENILE OFFENDERS.																
In House of Reformation	112	34.15	. .	. .	119	34.59	. .	. .	131	36.18	. .	. .	148	40.43	. .	. .
Runaways																
Indentured in free homes, on probation	40	12.20	. .	. .	33	9.59	. .	. .	31	8.56	. .	. .	30	8.20	. .	. .
Boarding on probation	3	.91	. .	. .	1	.29	. .	. .			. .	. .			. .	. .
Released to relatives on probation	143	43.60	. .	. .	151	43.90	. .	. .	173	47.79	. .	. .	163	44.52	. .	. .
Lost sight of	11	3.35	. .	. .	19	5.53	. .	. .	10	2.76	. .	. .	8	2.19	. .	. .
Doing for themselves	16	4.88	. .	. .	17	4.94	. .	. .	15	4.14	. .	. .	14	3.85	. .	. .
Other Penal Institutions	2	.61	. .	. .	2	.58	. .	. .	1	.28	. .	. .	1	.27	. .	. .
School for Feeble-minded . . . . .			. .	. .			. .	. .			. .	. .	1	.27	. .	. .
Massachusetts State Sanatorium . . . . .			. .	. .			. .	. .			. .	. .	1	.27	. .	. .
Working Boys' Home	1	.30	. .	. .	2	.58	. .	. .	1	.28	. .	. .			. .	. .
Total . . . . .	. .	. . .	328	23.33	. .	. . .	344	23.61	. .	. . .	362	25.35	. .	. . .	366	25.33
Grand Total . . . . .	. .	. . .	1,406	100.00	. .	. . .	1,457	100.00	. .	. . .	1,428	100.00	. .	. . .	1,445	100.00

TABLE NO. 1 B.

Dependent and Neglected Children in Charge at end of Year 1904.

	DEPENDENT.	NEGLECTED.	TOTAL.
Boarding.....	274	71	345
Indentured	229	126	355
Other Institutions	143	10	153
Total.....	646	207	853

TABLE NO. 2.

Average Number of Children in Care of the Department.

Average number of Dependent and Neglected Children in Free Homes	348
Average number of Dependent and Neglected Children boarding	341
Average number of Dependent and Neglected Children in Institutions	153
Average number of Juvenile Offenders in House of Reformation	134
Average number of Juvenile Offenders on Probation from the House of Reformation	225
Average number of Truants in Parental School	218
Average number of Truants on Probation from the Parental School	6
Total average in care of the Department	<u>1,425</u>

TABLE NO. 2 A.

Total and Average Cost of the Three Divisions.

Placing-Out and Office Division	\$84,727 79
Parental School	55,910 99
House of Reformation	42,000 00
Total	<u>\$182,638 78</u>
Income from the three Divisions, (bills and cash forwarded to the City Collector,)	138 11
Total net cost	<u>\$182,500 67</u>

Average per capita cost of total number of children under our care for the year	\$128 07
Average per capita expense of total number of children under our care, per week	<u>2 45</u>

EXPENDED FROM LOAN APPROPRIATIONS.

Parental School.

Land and buildings	\$1,236 40
Furnishing three new cottages	645 87
Electric plant	1,496 44

TABLE NO. 2 B.

Office Expenses.

Salaries	\$11,815 02
Furniture and library supplies	157 06
Printing	117 60
Stationery	256 69
Postage	437 46
Office expenses	62 39
Telephone	209 95
	<u>\$13,056 17</u>

Printing done for this Division by the House of Reformation, not paid for	320 99
Total	<u>\$13,377 16</u>

Of this amount it has been roughly estimated that \$11,300.00 has been expended on the work of the Placing-Out Division, and \$2,077.16 on work for the House of Reformation, the Parental School, and on probationers from these institutions.

TABLE NO. 2 C.

Placing-Out Division.

Board of children	\$37,900 68
Board of children at the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, Hospital for Epileptics, State Sanatorium, and Long Island, (average number during year 115 children),	\$18,647 15
Board of children at the Hospital Cottages for Children, (average number during the year 12 children,)	<u>1,984 27</u>
	20,631 42
Carried forward	<u>\$58,532 10</u>

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$58,532 10
Clothing and expressage	6,477 50
Medical care and medical and surgical supplies	1,966 69
Transportation (visitation travelling expenses)	4,525 69
Entertainment and school supplies	29 39
Burials	65 00
Expenses, account adoption of children	75 25
Total	\$71,671 62
Shoes received from the House of Reformation, not paid for	695 35
Total expenses	\$72,366 97
Clothing furnished House of Reforma- tion boys out on probation	25 70
Increase in inventory of clothing on hand February 1, 1904 over Feb- ruary 1, 1903	441 21
Total income	466 91
Net total	<u>\$71,900 06</u>

TABLE NO. 2 D.

Expenditures of Placing-Out Division	\$71,900 06
Estimated proportion of office expenses expended on this Division	11,300 00
Total	\$83,200 06
Cost of board of children at Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, and other institutions,	20,631 42
Net expenditures for children in homes (free and boarding)	<u>\$62,568 64</u>

TABLE NO. 2 E.

Of the total number of children placed-out in families the average number boarded during the year was 341.

The average number of children on indenture in free homes during the year was 348, for whom the only expenses were a pro-

portion of the transportation, of office expenses, clothing, and a few other small items.

The average number of children in country homes (both free homes and boarding homes) was 689.

The cost of board for the whole number was .	\$37,900 68
The cost of transportation for the whole number was	4,525 69
The cost of clothing for the whole number was .	6,010 59
The cost of medical care for the whole number was	1,966 69
Total	<u>\$50,403 65</u>
Per capita expense of children placed in families, including these items	<u>\$73 16</u>

**Average Cost, including Office Expenses.*

Total cost of children placed in families . .	\$62,568 64
Per capita total expense of children in families .	90 81

TABLE NO. 2F.

Expenses for House of Reformation.

Salaries.

Superintendent	\$2,000 00
Officers and Matrons	11,283 99
Teachers	3,280 00
	<u>\$16,563 99</u>
Food, ice and water	8,039 50
Fuel and lights	4,767 49
Clothing and bedding	2,503 71
Agricultural supplies	1,586 67
Repairs and improvements	1,505 25
Furniture and utensils	1,157 05
School and library supplies	674 72
Soap, and disinfectants	439 33
Medical care and supplies	285 28
Stationery and postage	91 85
Sundries (including entertainments for inmates, transportation, freight and telephone) . .	295 27
Industries, (Shoemaking and Printing,) . .	4,089 89
Total, carried forward	<u>\$42,000 00</u>

* Of the average number boarded during the year (341),—

The average cost of board per capita was	\$111 15
The average cost of clothing per capita (estimated) . .	11 25
The average cost of medical care per capita (estimated) .	5 28
Total	<u>\$127 68</u>

<i>Total, brought forward</i>	\$42,000 00
Laundry work done by the Parental School and not paid for	1,951 59
Estimated proportion of office expenses	300 00
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	\$44,251 59
Amount of work done by the Shoe-shop for the other Divisions and cash	\$1,626 71
Amount of work done by the Printing Office for the other Divisions and cash	415 49
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	* 2,042 20
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<i>Total cost</i>	\$42,209 39
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Per capita expense of an average of 134 boys at the House of Reformation during the year	\$315 00
Per capita expense of an average of 134 boys, per week	6 03
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Shoes made by the Shoe-shop for boys at the Institution	\$1,076 05
Printing done by the Printing Office for the Institution	88 50
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Making an additional income from Industries, of	\$1,164 55
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TABLE NO. 2 G.

Expenses for Parental School.

Salaries.

Superintendent	\$2,000 00
Officers and Matrons	15,071 22
Teachers	8,342 77
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	\$25,413 99
Food and ice	11,661 51
Fuel and lights	9,364 91
Repairs and improvements	2,392 87
Agricultural supplies	1,738 43
Clothing and bedding	1,619 72
Furniture and utensils	1,048 25
Soap, laundry supplies and expenses	744 91
School and library supplies	682 86
Medical care and supplies	431 83
Printing, stationery and postage	207 03
Sundries (including entertainment of inmates, transportation, freight and telephone)	604 68
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<i>Total, carried forward</i>	\$55,910 99

* Income from the House of Reformation. Of this amount, \$119.76 has been sent to the City Collector.

<i>Total, brought forward</i>	\$55,910 99
Amount due House of Reformation for shoes .	815 10
Amount due House of Reformation for printing .	91 00
Estimated proportion of office expenses . .	400 00
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	\$57,217 09
Laundry work done for the House of Reformation	\$1,951 59
Cash received for junk, etc. . . .	18 35
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	* 1,969 94
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<i>Total net cost</i>	<u>\$55,247 15</u>
Per capita expense of an average of 218 boys at the Parental School for the year	\$253 43
Per capita expense of an average of 218 boys, at the Parental School, per week	<u>4 85</u>

Laundry work was done for the officers and inmates of the Parental School, making an additional income of \$4,345.15.

TABLE NO. 3.

Inventory, and Appraisal of Real and Personal Estate, January 31, 1905.

PARENTAL SCHOOL, WEST ROXBURY.

Land	\$50,000 00
Buildings	192,500 00
Furniture and household goods	6,700 00
Clothing, bedding and dry goods	3,200 00
Provisions and groceries	600 00
Soap, and laundry equipment and supplies	800 00
Stationery and books (office)	50 00
School equipment and supplies	1,100 00
Sloyd equipment and supplies	700 00
Engineering department, tools and supplies	300 00
Agricultural department, stock, wagons, and sup- plies	1,100 00
Farm products	50 00
Ice	200 00
Coal	2,200 00
Wood	30 00
Oils	15 00
Fire equipment	300 00
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<i>Total</i>	<u>\$259,845 00</u>

* Of this income \$18.35 was sent to the City Collector.

HOUSE OF REFORMATION, RAINSFORD ISLAND.

Land	\$20,000 00	
Buildings	43,000 00	
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Mechanical fixtures		140 00
Furniture and household goods		1,550 00
Chapel furnishings		685 00
Clothing, bedding and dry goods		2,100 00
Provisions and groceries		240 00
Soap and laundry supplies		120 00
Medical and surgical supplies		53 00
Stationery and books		52 00
School equipment and supplies		975 00
Sloyd equipment and supplies		565 00
Engineering department, tools and supplies		110 00
Printing department, equipment and supplies		2,550 00
Shoemaking department, equipment and supplies		5,707 00
Agricultural department, equipment and supplies		1,556 00
Carpenter shop, equipment and supplies		32 00
Blacksmith shop, equipment and supplies		50 00
Life-boat equipment		100 00
Fire equipment		245 00
Farm products		50 00
Coal		2,469 00
Oil		19 00
Total		<hr/> <hr/> \$82,368 00

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES AND PLACING-OUT DIVISION.

Furniture, etc.	\$1,142 68
Stationery and office supplies	350 00
Clothing and dry goods	2,314 36
Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$3,807 04

STATISTICS OF THE HOUSE OF REFORMATION.

TABLE NO. 4.

Showing the Number Committed to the House of Reformation during the year 1904, together with their Offences and Sentences.

	DURING MINORITY.	EIGHT DAYS.	TWENTY DAYS.	TOTAL.	Percent.
OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY.					
Attempt to break and enter	2	..	..	2	54 66.67
Breaking and entering	8	..	..	8	
Breaking, entering, and larceny	13	..	..	13	
Larceny	27	..	2	29	
Malicious injury to personal property . . . . .	..	1	..	1	
Receiving stolen property	1	..	..	1	
COMMITTED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT.					
Being a vagrant	1	..	..	1	3 3.70
Drunkenness	1	..	..	1	
Idle and disorderly	1	..	..	1	
COMMITTED AS STUBBORN CHILDREN	14	..	..	14	17.29
RETURNED FROM PROBATION BY TRUSTEES	10	..	..	10	12.34
TOTAL NUMBER COMMITTED	78	1	2	81	

TABLE NO. 4 A.

Commitments, Discharges, and Number of Inmates during the last Seven Years.

	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904
Total number in the House of Reformation at the beginning of the years	159	143	135	88	112	119	131
Total number committed	126	113	107	89	104	89	81
Total number during each year	285	256	242	177	216	208	212
Total number discharged	142	121	154	65	97	77	64
Total number on the books of the Institution January 31, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904	143	135	88	112	119	131	148
Runaways	17	12					
Actual number in Institution January 31, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904	126	123	88	112	119	131	148

TABLE NO. 6.

Showing Number of Boys Committed to the House of Reformation during the past Year from each of the Court Districts of the City.

Superior	3
Central	35
Roxbury	6
Charlestown	8
South Boston	8
East Boston	8
Dorchester	3
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	71
Returned	10
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Total	81
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TABLE NO. 7.

Showing Nativity, and Nativity of Father of Boys Committed to the House of Reformation during the Year 1904.

	NATIVITY.	PERCENT.	NATIVITY OF FATHER.	PERCENT.
Boston	40	49.40	9	11.11
Elsewhere in Massachusetts	8	9.87	3	3.70
Elsewhere in United States	7	8.64	6	7.41
Foreign born	26	32.09	56	69.14
Unknown	7	8.64
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Total	81	100.00	81	100.00
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TABLE NO. 8.

Showing by Months the Number Committed to the House of Reformation during the Year 1904.

February	5	September	7
March	2	October	7
April	2	November	6
May	12	December	5
June	16	January	9
July	5		
August	5	Total	81
Average attendance in Institution			
Largest number in Institution during year was			
Smallest number in Institution during year was			

TABLE NO. 9.

Showing Age of Boys at House of Reformation at Commitment and at Release on Probation during the Year 1904.

AGE.	Number Committed.	Percent.	Number Released on Probation.	Percent.
10.	3	3.70		
11.	5	6.17		
12.	8	9.87		
13.	16	19.76	1	1.67
14.	14	17.29	12	20.00
15.	27	33.33	8	13.33
16.	5	6.17	16	26.67
17.	2	2.47	14	23.33
18. ....	....	....	7	11.67
19. ....	....	....	2	3.33
Unknown.	1	1.24		
Totals	81	100.00	60	100.00
Average age	13.80	....	15.98	

TABLE NO. 10.

Showing Length of Time Spent in House of Reformation by Boys Discharged and Released during the Year 1904.

3 months or less.....	* 4	1 year 11 months.....	2
4 months	1	2 years	1
9 "	2	2 " 1 month.....	3
10 "	2	2 " 2 months.....	2
11 "	4	2 " 3 "	1
1 year	7	2 " 5 "	3
1 " 1 month	2	2 " 7 "	1
1 " 2 months.....	2	2 " 9 "	1
1 " 3 "	3	2 " 11 "	3
1 " 4 "	3	3 years	1
1 " 5 "	5	3 " 3 months.....	1
1 " 6 "	2	3 " 9 "	1
1 " 7 "	3	3 " 10 "	1
1 " 9 "	1	4 " 6 "	1
1 " 10 "	1		

* Of these, three were discharged from short sentences. One was discharged by Trustees.

TABLE NO. 11.

Showing for 1904 the Average Number of Inmates, etc.

Average number of inmates	134.46
Number of new commitments	71
Number returned for any cause	10
Number placed on probation	60
Discharged from short sentences	3
Discharged by Trustees	1
Average time by months spent in the House of Reformation by all boys released or discharged	19.53
Average time by months spent in the House of Reformation by all boys released on probation	20.63

TABLE NO. 12.

Showing Conditions and Conduct at end of Year 1904 of all Boys on Probation outside the House of Reformation, subject to the Control of the Trustees.

	On Probation. At home.	On Probation. On indenture and boarding.	On Probation. Working inde- pendently.	All boys on probation.	
					Percent.
Doing well	83	20	4	107	49.08
Conduct fair	50	8	5	63	28.90
Conduct unsatisfactory . . .	26	1	3	30	13.76
Have been in other penal institutions	7	1	1	9	4.13
Whereabouts and conditions unknown	6	3	. .	9	4.13
Total	172	33	13	218	100.00

TABLE NO. 13.

Showing Status of all Boys under Twenty-one whose Names were on the Books of the House of Reformation from May 1, 1895, to January 31, 1905.

IN THE HOUSE OF REFORMATION 148

RELEASED FROM THE HOUSE OF REFORMATION, BUT
STILL SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL OF THE TRUSTEES.

At home (working)	158	
At home (attending school)	5	
Indentured (working)	30	
Working independently	13	
In penal institutions other than the Massachusetts Reformatory	1	
In Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded....	1	
In Massachusetts State Sanatorium	1	
Lost sight of, this year	2	
Lost sight of, previously	7	
	—	218

DISCHARGED FROM THE CARE OF THIS DEPARTMENT.

Released to go out of state	32	
In United States Army	22	
In United States Navy and Marine Corps	41	
Sent to Massachusetts Reformatory this year	8	
Sent to Massachusetts Reformatory, former years..	65	
Discharged to Massachusetts State Prison.....	1	
“ to parents as unfit subjects	2	
“ to Lyman School	2	
“ to Insane Hospital	1	
“ to School for Feeble-Minded	2	
“ to Home for Destitute Catholic Chil- dren	1	
“ on account of error in commitment ...	1	
“ on decision of corporation counsel.....	1	
“ on writ of habeas corpus	2	
“ by order of Trustees.....	2	
Fine cases discharged at expiration of sentence or on payment of fine this year	3	
Fine cases discharged at expiration of sentence or on payment of fine, previously	196	
Discharged on arriving at age of twenty-one	128	
Died	18	
	—	528

NAMES OCCURRING MORE THAN ONCE ON THE RECORDS.

Returned to House of Reformation this year	9	
Returned to House of Reformation previously.....	96	
Recommitted to House of Reformation by courts this year	1	
Recommitted to House of Reformation by courts previously	20	
	—	126

Total 1,020

TABLE NO. 14.

*Showing Occupation of Boys Outside of the House of Reformation
(subject to the control of the Trustees) having Regular Employment at end of Year January 31, 1905.*

EMPLOYED IN TRADES.

Baker	1
Blacksmith	1
Bookbinder	1
Confectioners	2
Cooks	4
Coopers	2
Coppersmith	1
Electricians	3
Engravers	2
Gasfitter	1
Machinists	7
Painters	2
Paper hanger	1
Plumbers	3
Printers	18
Roofer	1
Tailors	4

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EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Shoe shops	16
Factories (other than shoe-shops)	20

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Employed in stores, markets, etc.

Bookkeeper	1
Bootblacks	2
Elevator boys	4
Express teams	5
Farmers	10
Hostlers	4
Janitor	1
Laborers	5
Longshoremen	4
Lumber yard	3
Messenger boys	4
Office boys	4
Peddlers	3
Pugilist	1
Restaurant	4
Sailors	2
Switchman	1
Teamsters	14
Woodyard	6

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Total	183
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TABLE NO. 15.

*Agricultural Products raised during Year ending January 31,
1905, and List of Live Stock on Hand.*

Milk	2,482	gallons
Hen's eggs	1,020	dozen
Duck's eggs	44	"
Dressed pork	5,236	pounds
Dressed beef	535	"
Dressed chickens	22	"
Dressed fowl	110	"
Dressed ducks	120	"
Beans (shell)	8	bushels
Beans (string)	25	"
Beans (Lima)	9	"
Beet greens	19	"
Beets	65	"
Cabbage	842	heads
Cauliflower	50	"
Carrots	51	bushels
Corn (green)	3,021	ears
Cucumbers	14	bushels
Lettuce	1,525	heads
Parsnips	20	bushels
Peas (green)	14	"
Pumpkins	430	
Radishes	1,031	bunches
Rhubarb	675	pounds
Spinach	22	bushels
Squash	1,500	pounds
Tomatoes	42	bushels
Turnips	40	"
Cow hide sold	\$4.42	
Veal hide sold . . . . .	.25	

Live Stock on Hand.

2 horses	88 hens
4 cows	35 pullets
36 hogs	30 cockerels
6 ducks	

STATISTICS OF THE PARENTAL SCHOOL.

TABLE NO. 16.

Showing the Number of Boys in the School at the beginning of the Year, together with the Number Committed, Discharged, Released on Probation, Returned from Probation, and Recommitted during the Year.

FEBRUARY.	Number in School.	Committed.	Discharged.	Released on Probation.	Returned from Probation.	Died.	RECOMMITTED.		
							First time.	Second time.	Third time.
1904	235	193	173	35	0	0	37	6	1

TABLE NO. 17.

Showing Nativity of Boys Committed during the Year.

	NUMBER.	PERCENT.
Boston.....	137	70.98
Elsewhere in Massachusetts	17	8.81
Elsewhere in United States	18	9.33
Foreign born	21	10.88
Total	193	100.00

TABLE NO. 18.

Nativity of Parents of Boys Committed during the Year.

	NUMBER.	PERCENT.
Both parents born in United States.....	25	12.95
" " Ireland	52	26.94
" " Russia	17	8.81
" " Italy	16	8.29
" " Canada	3	1.55
" " some other foreign country.....	11	5.70
One parent native born.....	36	18.66
Both parents foreign born, but of different nationalities	11	5.70
One parent native born and one unknown..	3	1.55
One parent foreign born and one unknown..	11	5.70
Boys whose parents' nativity was unknown..	8	4.15
Total	193	100.00

TABLE NO. 18 A.

Showing Parental Relations of Boys Committed during the Year.

	NUMBER.	PERCENT.
Both parents living	131	67.88
Father only living	11	5.70
Had stepmother	10	5.18
Mother only living	29	15.03
Had stepfather	7	3.62
Both parents dead	5	2.59
Total.....	193	100.0

TABLE NO. 18 B.

Showing Number of Boys Committed during the Year who belonged —

GROUP.	NUMBER.
To eldest child group	49
To youngest child group	37
To only child group	13
Total.....	99

TABLE NO. 19.

*Showing Age of Boys at Commitment for Year ending
January 31, 1905.*

AGE.	NUMBER.	PERCENT.
7 years	0	0.
8 "	13	6.73
9 "	16	8.29
10 "	29	15.03
11 "	34	17.62
12 "	43	22.28
13 "	54	27.98
14 "	4	2.07
15 "	0	0.
Total	193	100.00

Average age : 11 years, 8 months.

TABLE NO. 20.

Showing the Number of Boys Committed from each of the Court Districts for the Year.

	NUMBER.	PERCENT.
Central	87	45.07
South Boston	39	20.21
Roxbury	33	17.10
Dorchester	7	3.63
East Boston	10	5.18
Charlestown	9	4.66
West Roxbury	7	3.63
Brighton	1	.52
Superior Criminal	0	0.
Total	193	100.00

TABLE NO. 21.

Showing Average Attendance and number Committed, Discharged, Released on Probation, Returned from Probation, and the Deaths, by Months.

	Committed.	Returned from Probation.	Discharged.	Released on Probation.	Died.	Average Attendance.
February	10	..	6	..	..	239.2
March	12	..	23	1	..	234.2
April	18	..	25	..	..	223.4
May	27	..	21	3	..	221.8
June	23	..	16	2	..	228.0
July . . . . .	..	..	10	2	..	223.3
August . . . . .	..	..	9	..	..	210.5
September	9	..	12	22	..	188.5
October	45	..	16	2	..	199.2
November	29	..	27	2	..	215.1
December	9	..	3	1	..	213.1
January, 1905	11	..	5	..	..	217.3
Total	193	..	173	35	..	218.0

TABLE NO. 22.

Showing Length of Time Spent in Parental School by Boys Discharged and Released during the Year ending January 31, 1905.

One month or less.....	0	Fourteen months or less...	1
Two months or less.....	0	Fifteen " " ...	2
Three " "	2	Sixteen " " ...	2
Four " "	4	Seventeen " " ...	0
Five " "	1	Eighteen " " ...	5
Six " "	21	Nineteen " " ...	2
Seven " "	5	Twenty " " ...	0
Eight " "	12	Twenty-one months or less,	2
Nine " "	5	Twenty-two " " ..	2
Ten " "	6	Twenty-three " " ..	6
Eleven " "	6	Twenty-four " " ..	32
Twelve " "	92		
Thirteen " "	0		208

Average time spent in the Parental School by boys discharged and released during the year : 1 year, 29 days.

TABLE NO. 23.

*Agricultural Products raised at the Parental School during the
Year ending January 31, 1905.*

Apples	50 bushels
Asparagus	112 bunches
Beans (shelled)	6 bushels
Beans (string)	50 “
Beets	24 “
Cabbages	1,780 heads
Carrots	12 bushels
Cauliflower	35 heads
Celery	1,100 “
Corn (green)	626 dozen
Cucumbers	42 bushels
Currants	1 quart
Dressed chickens and fowls	605 pounds
Dressed ducks	165 “
Pullets raised	172
Ducks “	30
Dressed pork	2,200 pounds
Eggs (hens')	979 dozen
Eggs (ducks')	59 “
Lettuce	1,050 heads
Melons	135
Onions	13 bushels
Onions	65 bunches
Parsnips	13 bushels
Peas	42 “
Pumpkins	200 pounds
Radishes	4 bushels
Rhubarb	555 pounds
Squash (Summer)	250 “
“ (Winter)	3,750 “
Tomatoes	78 bushels
Turnips	36 “
Strawberries	526 quarts
Hay for horses	2 tons
Hay for bedding and packing ice	3 “
Wood	3 cords

Live Stock on Hand.

3 horses

233 fowls

8 pigs

8 ducks

STATISTICS OF THE PLACING-OUT DIVISION.

TABLE NO. 28.

Total Number of Investigations during the Year.

	NUMBER.	PERCENT.
For admission	353	36.21
Miscellaneous	244	25.03
Of boarding homes	54	5.54
Of free homes	122	12.51
For release from House of Reformation (to parents' homes)	88	9.02
For release from Parental School on pro- bation (to parents' homes)	56	5.74
For release from Placing-Out Division	44	4.51
For adoption and guardianship	4	.41
For return to House of Reformation from probation	10	1.03
Total	975	100.00

TABLE NO. 29.
Investigation and Disposal of Applications for Admission of Dependent Children during the Year.

	SETTLEMENT IN BOSTON.		SETTLEMENT NOT IN BOSTON.		SETTLEMENT NOT OBTAINED.		TOTAL.	
	1904.	Percent.	1904.	Percent.	1904.	Percent.	1904.	Percent.
Admitted to the care of the Department	129	62.93	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	129	38.61
Application made at School for Feeble-Minded	2	.98	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	2	.60
Withdrawn	53	25.85	16	15.84	14	50.00	83	24.85
Refused . . . . .	. . .	. . .	2	1.98	. . .	. . .	2	.60
Pending	5	2.44	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	5	1.50
Referred to Overseers of Poor of Boston	2	.98	9	8.91	2	7.14	13	3.89
Referred to Overseers of Poor elsewhere . . . . .	. . .	. . .	17	16.83	. . .	. . .	17	5.09
Sent to Long Island Hospital with mother	1	.49	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	.30
Sent to Long Island Hospital . . . . .	. . .	. . .	1	.99	. . .	. . .	1	.30
Sent to State Almshouse . . . . .	. . .	. . .	16	15.84	. . .	. . .	16	4.79
Referred to State Minor Ward Department . . . . .	. . .	. . .	27	26.73	3	10.71	30	8.98
Referred to State Board of Education	1	.49	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	.30
Referred to Associated Charities . . . . .	. . .	. . .	1	.99	. . .	. . .	1	.30
Referred to Federation of Jewish Charities	2	.98	2	1.98	. . .	. . .	4	1.20
Referred to Society of St. Vincent de Paul	5	2.44	7	6.94	1	3.58	13	3.89
Referred to Children's Aid Society	2	.98	1	.99	. . .	. . .	3	.90
Referred to Children's Friend Society . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	3	10.71	3	.90
Referred to Home for Destitute Catholic Children	3	1.44	. . .	. . .	4	14.28	7	2.10
Referred to Working Boys' Home . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	3.58	1	.30
Referred to Children's Hospital . . . . .	. . .	. . .	1	.99	. . .	. . .	1	.30
Referred to Home for Little Wanderers . . . . .	. . .	. . .	1	.99	. . .	. . .	1	.30
Total	205	100.00	101	100.00	28	100.00	334	100.00

TABLE NO. 30.

Number of Dependent and Neglected Children Admitted to the Care of the Department during the Year.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Dependent Children	79	50	129
Neglected Children	13	13	26
Total.....	92	63	155

TABLE NO. 31.

Nativity, Parent Nativity (Father), and Race of Children Received during the Year

	DEPENDENT.		NEGLECTED.	
	1904.	Percent.	1904.	Percent.
Native born	126	97.75	26	100.00
Foreign born	3	2.25		
Total	129	100.00	26	100.00
White	125	96.90	21	80.77
Colored.....	4	3.10	5	19.23
NATIVITY OF FATHER.				
Native born	48	37.21	12	46.15
Canada and Provinces ..	6	4.65	8	30.77
Foreign born	63	48.84	5	19.23
Unknown	12	9.30	1	3.85
Total	129	100.00	26	100.00

TABLE NO. 32.

Domestic Conditions of Children Admitted during the Year.

	DEPENDENT.		NEGLECTED.	
	1904.	Percent.	1904.	Percent.
Had both parents	64	49.61	13	50.00
No parents	3	2.33		
Father only	26	20.16	9	34.61
Mother only	24	18.60	3	11.54
Illegitimate	12	9.30	1	3.85
Total	129	100.00	26	100.00
Step-father	4			
Step-mother	6	....	1	
Father sick or disabled,	1			
Mother sick or disabled,	27	....	2	
Both parents sick or disabled	3			
Head of family out of employment	17			
Intemperate father	19	....	17	
Intemperate mother	2			
Both parents intemperate	3	....	3	
Parents separated	8			
Members of family had been arrested	10	....	11	
Parents known to have received charitable aid,	42	....	10	

TABLE NO. 33.

Applications for Release, to Parents or Friends, Received and Investigated during the Year.

	APPLICATIONS.		GRANTED.		REFUSED.		UNDER CONSIDERATION.		WITHDRAWN.	
	1904.	Percent.	1904.	Percent.	1904.	Percent.	1904.	Percent.	1904.	Percent.
Dependent children	43	22.87	37	29.84	2	4.44	3	18.75	1	33.33
Neglected children	1	.53	1	.81						
From Parental School	56	29.79	31	25.00	21	46.67	2	12.50	2	66.67
From House of Reformation	88	46.81	55	44.35	22	48.89	11	68.75		
Total	188	100.00	124	100.00	45	100.00	16	100.00	3	100.00

TABLE NO. 35.

Children Discharged during the Year 1904.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
From Indenture	10	22	32
From Boarding	29	17	46
From other Institutions	31	22	53
Total	70	61	131

TABLE NO. 36.

Discharged from Indenture during the Year 1904.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Arrived at age.....	7	11	18
Discharged to friends and relatives .....	..	3	3
Adopted .....	..	1	1
Died			
Enlisted in United States army or navy, Guardian.....	1 ..	.. 1	1 1
Absconded			
Self-supporting	1	1	2
Married .....	..	5	5
Out of State	1	..	1
Total.....	10	22	32

TABLE NO. 37.

Applications for Children to Board or on Indenture.

	BOARDING.	ON INDENTURE.
Total received	150	207
Approved	36	87
Disapproved	18	35
Filled	26	85
Unfilled (on hand)	101	70
Withdrawn	10	18

TABLE NO. 38.

Transfers during the Year.

Boys	215
Girls	274
Total	489

TABLE NO. 39.

Transfers of Indentured Children during the Year.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
From indenture to indenture.....	53	100	153
From indenture to boarding.....	4	20	24
Total.....	57	120	177

TABLE NO. 40.

Indentured for first time during the Year.

	Boys.	Girls.	TOTAL.
From office	2	1	3
From boarding homes	30	30	60
Total	32	31	63

TABLE NO. 41.

Ages of Children Indentured (for first time) during the Year.

AGE.	Boys.		Girls.		TOTAL.
	Dependent.	Neglected.	Dependent.	Neglected.	
1					
2					
3 .....	..	..	1	..	1
4 .....	..	..	2	..	2
5					
6	2	..	1	..	3
7	3	..	1	..	4
8	1	..	..	..	1
9	1	..	1	1	3
10	2	..	1	..	3
11	2	3	4	..	9
12	6	4	1	..	11
13	4	..	3	5	12
14	1	..	3	..	4
15 .....	..	1	2	3	6
16	1	..	..	1	2
17 .....	..	..	1	..	1
18					
19					
20	1	..	..	..	1
Total	24	8	21	10	63

TABLE NO. 42.
Location of Children at Board and on Indenture at the Close of Year.

	BOARDING.					INDENTURED.				
	Number of towns where children are placed.	Number of children.	Greatest number in any one town.	Average number in one town.	Number of towns with more than five children.	Number of towns where children are placed.	Number of children.	Greatest number in any one town.	Average number in one town.	Number of towns with more than five children.
Massachusetts.....	68	338	22	5	21	99	261	33	2	10
New Hampshire.....	4	6	2	1	..	17	37	10	2	1
Maine.....	..	..	..	..	..	12	20	3	1	..
Vermont.....	1	1	1	1	..	6	11	5	2	..
Rhode Island.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	13	13	13	1
Connecticut.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	3	2	..
New York.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dominion of Canada.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..
Other States.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....	73	345	25	7	21	138	347	68	23	12

TABLE NO. 43.

Showing the Number of Children in each Home at close of the Year 1904.

	BOARDING HOMES.			FREE HOMES.		
	Children Unrelated.	Children Related.	Total.	Children Unrelated.	Children Related.	Total.
Number of homes with one child	78	. .	78	299	. .	299
“ “ two children	35	37	72	11	10	21
“ “ three “	18	7	25	. .	2	2
“ “ four “	5	1	6			
“ “ five “	2	. .	2			
“ “ more than five children	2	. .	2			

TABLE NO. 44.

Schooling of Placed-Out Children during the Year 1904.

	BOARDING.	INDENTURED.	TOTAL.
CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL.			
Of age (5-15)	226	134	360
Over school age	5	26	31
CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL.			
Over school age	13	183	196
Under school age	90	4	94
Mentally unfit	5	..	5
Physically unfit	6	..	6
Total	345	347	692

TABLE NO. 45.

Average Number of Visits made to Dependent and Neglected Children during the Year 1904.

Total number of children subject to visits (dependent and neglected)	. . . . .	692
Total number of visits made	. . . . .	3,280
Average number of visits to each child	. . . . .	4.7

TABLE NO. 46.

Distribution of Children on the Rolls of this Department in the Care of other Institutions.

Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded	. . . . .	103
Hospital Cottages for Children	. . . . .	13
Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics	. . . . .	8
Massachusetts State Sanatorium	. . . . .	3
Free Hospital for Consumptives, Quincy Street, Dorchester	. . . . .	1
School for the Deaf, Hartford, Conn.	. . . . .	3
Stanwood School, Topsfield, Mass.	. . . . .	1
Perkins Institution for the Blind	. . . . .	3
House of Good Shepherd, Boston	. . . . .	2
Long Island Hospital	12
Boston Insane Hospital	2
City Hospital	1
Children's Hospital, Boston	1
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TABLE NO. 47.

Deaths that have Occurred in the Placing-Out Division during the Year.

	ADMITTED.	BORN.	DIED.	AGE AT DEATH.			CAUSE OF DEATH.	IN CARE OF DEPARTMENT.		
				Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
1	Sept. 11, 1901 . .	Aug. 26, 1887 . .	Feb. 1, 1904 . .	16	5	6	Tubercular Meningitis . . .	2	4	21
2	May 19, 1903 . .	Dec. 6, 1901 . .	March 4, 1904 . .	2	2	26	Pneumonia . . . . .	. .	9	13
3	Feb. 25, 1904 . .	June 5, 1903 . .	April 6, 1904 . .	. .	10	1	Pulmonary Tuberculosis . .	. .	1	13
4	March 25, 1904 . .	Dec. 6, 1888 . .	April 24, 1904 . .	15	4	18	Pyopneumothorax . . . . .	. .	1	1
5	Feb. 18, 1900 . .	Oct. 28, 1887 . .	Aug. 17, 1904 . .	16	9	19	Gastric Dilatation	4	6	13
6	July 17, 1903 . .	Sept. 6, 1890 . .	Aug. 24, 1904 . .	13	11	18	Accident	1	1	7
7	April 8, 1904 . .	March 4, 1904 . .	Aug. 27, 1904 . .	. .	5	23	Meningitis . . . . .	. .	4	19
8	May 26, 1904 . .	March 1, 1904 . .	Sept. 15, 1904 . .	. .	6	14	Infantine Atrophy . . . . .	. .	3	20
9	Sept. 15, 1904 . .	May 13, 1904 . .	Sept. 19, 1904 . .	. .	4	6	Malnutrition . . . . .	. .	. .	4
10	Sept. 29, 1904 . .	May 26, 1904 . .	Sept. 30, 1904 . .	. .	4	4	Malnutrition . . . . .	. .	. .	1
11	July 26, 1904 . .	Aug. 31, 1900 . .	Oct. 19, 1904 . .	4	1	19	Tuberculosis . . . . .	. .	2	23
12	June 21, 1904 . .	Nov. 22, 1899 . .	Oct. 27, 1904 . .	14	11	5	Tubercular Peritonitis . . .	. .	4	6
13	March 14, 1898 . .	Oct. 28, 1885 . .	Nov. 15, 1904 . .	19	. .	18	{ Pulmonary Tuberculosis & } { Mitral Disease }	6	8	1
14	Aug. 31, 1904 . .	March 2, 1904 . .	Nov. 17, 1904 . .	. .	8	15	Malnutrition . . . . .	. .	2	17
15	July 25, 1901 . .	—, 1895 . .	Nov. 25, 1904 . .	9	. .	. .	Enteritis	3	4	
16	Sept. 29, 1902 . .	July —, 1901 . .	Jan. 19, 1905 . .	3	5	19	Nephritis	2	3	20

